

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Application No.: 09/485,820  
Atty Docket No.: Q57694

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of May 24, 2005 has been received, and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 1, 3 to 5, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 17 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to the present amendment.

The Examiner has indicated that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 4. In addition, applicants have amended claims 7 and 8 which depend from claim 1 to direct them to the allowable subject matter. Applicants have canceled 2 to 5, 11, 12 and 17. Thus, the only claims that now appear in the application are claims 1, 7 and 8 which are directed to the allowable subject matter

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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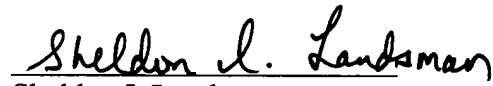
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